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COMMUNICATION

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests a status for the above-identified patent application. In particular, the undersigned respectfully requests a projected date of the issuance of the above-identified patent application, for which the issue fee was paid on June 18, 2003. After at least 5 telecommunications with the Office of Patent Publication, the undersigned still has not been provided with a reason why this application has not issued as a patent although the issue fee was paid more than a year ago.

In addition, after each telecommunication the undersigned has been provided with a different reason of why the application did not issue, and was given a different projected issue date.

In light of the fact that the undersigned has not been provided with any believable explanation for this delay, the undersigned respectfully requests immediate issuance of the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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